

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A font processor, comprising:

a data acquiring device that acquires font data of bitmap fonts; and

a subpixel-font generating device that separately analyzes character pixel configuration of the font data using pattern matching to generate subpixel fonts, the subpixel fonts being data in units of subpixels, the subpixel-font generating ~~device~~ device including:

~~when a first determination unit that determines whether a character pixel constituting the font data is located at a first position that, with respect to a first direction in which character pixels are to be aligned, is adjacent to a target character pixel, disposes subpixels at the position of the target character pixel without shifting the target character pixel;~~

~~when no character pixel constituting the font data is located at the first position and also a second determination unit that determines whether a character pixel constituting the font data is located at a second position that, with respect to a second direction orthogonal to the first direction, is adjacent to the target character pixel, disposes subpixels at the position of the target character pixel without shifting the target character pixel; and~~

~~when no character pixel constituting the font data is located at either the first or second position and also a third determination unit that operates only after a negative determination at both the first and second determination units, and determines whether a character pixel is located at a third position that is adjacent and diagonal to one side~~

~~of the target character pixel, shifts the target character pixel by at least one subpixel distance~~
~~and then disposes subpixels at the position of the target character pixel, wherein: pixel;~~

a fourth determination unit that operates only after a negative
determination at both the first and second determination units, and determines whether a pixel
is located at a fourth position that is adjacent and diagonal to another side of the target
character pixel that is opposite to the one side; and

a target character pixel expansion unit that:

if the determination of either the first or second determination
units is positive, disposes subpixels at the position of the target character pixel without
shifting the target character pixel;

~~when the third position where the character pixel is located is to~~
~~one side of the target character pixel, if the determinations of both the first and second~~
~~determination units are negative, and the determination of the third determination unit is~~
~~positive, shifts the target character pixel is shifted in one direction by at least one subpixel~~
~~distance before disposing subpixels at the position of the target character pixel, and; and~~

~~when the third position where the character pixel is located is to~~
~~another side of the target character pixel that is opposite to the one side, if the determinations~~
~~of both the first and second determination units are negative, and the determination of the~~
~~fourth determination unit is positive, shifts the target character pixel is shifted in a direction~~
~~opposite to the one direction by at least one subpixel distance before disposing subpixels at~~
~~the position of the target character pixel.~~